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March 29, 2012

Honorable Senator Linda Menard  
Legislative Council  
State Capitol, Room 9  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Sanctioning of charity event - 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Coal Classic Golf Tournament

Dear Senator Menard,

On June 13, 2012 we will be hosting our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Coal Classic Golf Tournament. I am writing to request the Legislative Council consider sanctioning our event again this year under state statute AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B). This tournament has a long history of supporters as noted by last year's enclosed sponsorship sheet.

Alaska Resource Education is a state-wide non-profit dedicated to educating our youth about Alaska's natural resources. We offer Alaska Resource curriculum and kits to teachers filled with materials focusing on minerals, energy and forestry. We also provide a 500-level credit course through the University of Alaska to teach educators on the use of our kit materials and curriculum. You can often find us in the classrooms teaching kids of all ages about the importance natural resources play in our state's economy, workforce and future.

Enclosed is a copy of our brochure and recent support letter from Commissioner Hanley of DEED supporting our program. I hope you will visit us at 222.akresource.org to learn more about our events and our organization. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the numbers listed above.

Warm regards,

Michelle Brunner  
Executive Director

## Alaska Resource Education and Central Middle School



### Alaska Resource Education

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### Central Middle School

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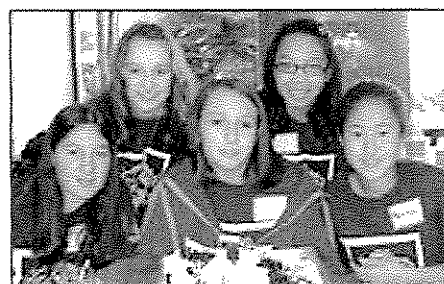
### 2011 Star Award Winner

Alaska Resource Education formed a partnership with Central Middle School in an effort to help students make informed decisions related to mineral, energy and forest resources. They also strive to provide teachers with unbiased and scientific classroom curricula that supports Alaska state content standards and career pathway connections. Alaska Resource hopes to generate enthusiasm and inspire creativity around natural resource education while equipping teachers with the tools they need to educate the future workforce of Alaska.

To achieve these goals, Alaska Resource designed two special programs and field trip opportunities for Central SBPC students: Minor Miners and Energy Einsteins. In addition, Alaska Resource's education director regularly visited the SBP class throughout the year, teaching about the complex fields of mining, energy, and forestry through hands-on and team building challenges. It is during these classroom visits that students were prepared for their field trip experiences.

In the fall, students became "Minor Miners" as an introduction to the minerals industry in Alaska. It was a one-day intensive where the SBP class attended the 2010 Alaska Miner's Association Annual Conference and Trade show at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. After completing rock/mineral identification labs on-site at the conference, students toured the trade show, interviewing each vendor and discovering their connection to mining in

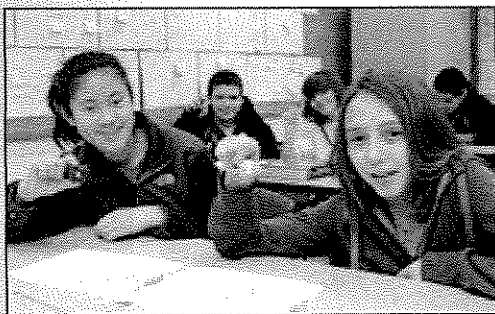
Alaska. After a corporate lunch introduction and a presentation to the mining industry, students interviewed a panel of industry representatives ranging from presidents of mining companies to geologists



working in the field. Students had the opportunity to make clear connections to future opportunities in the various fields connected to mining.

The second field trip opportunity was called "Energy Einsteins." SBP students were taken to the Petroleum Club of Anchorage. The day began with an in-depth lesson on the economy of Alaska by economist Neal Fried and math lessons from First National Bank's Bobbi Craig. Students "mined for oil" in large cakes made by the Petroleum Club chefs, while learning about exploration, permitting, reclamation and many essential understandings related to oil and gas in Alaska. Students again completed industry interviews, engaging professionals working in the field of PFD, economics, oil and gas, and highlighting career pathway connections. Students left this experience with a comprehensive understanding of the Permanent Fund Dividend and a history of oil and gas exploration.

According to Central SBPC teacher Michael Warren, "Alaska Resource goes above and beyond to invite dynamic speakers and to make each experience radically hands-on and interactive, clearly bridging middle schools and the natural resources industry. The materials used to engage students are unbiased and scientific in their presentation of controversial issues and viewpoints, modeling the necessary balance required when investigating all aspects of resource development from exploration to reclamation, including environmental fortitude. We are looking forward to many years of exciting programming with this partner."



*"Minor Miners" learn geology!*



# Alaska Coal Association Presents the 20th Annual Coal Classic



Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at Anchorage Golf Course

Breakfast, Registration & Hosted Driving Range 6:00 am, Shotgun Start 7:00 am

Proceeds benefit Alaska Resource Education

Alaska Resource Education is an industry-state partnership whose mission is to educate students about Alaska's natural resources. Alaska Resource Education is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax ID #92-0117527

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\_\_\_\_\_ \$400 Breakfast Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 Driving Range Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Beverage Cart Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Hole Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ \$600 Lunch Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ Specialty Item Sponsor\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate a door prize!

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate goodie bag items!

\_\_\_\_\_ Mimosa Bar Sponsor \$1500

\*Item of your choice with your logo and AK Resource logo, given to each golfer. Call 907-276-5487 for details.

## REGISTRATION FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Team (four golfers)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Individual Golfer

**Great prizes and lunch included!**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Golfers \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Please register by Friday, June 1, 2012

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FILEAddendum Applies:  
none

Dear Applicant:

Based on the information you recently submitted, we have classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because you are described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in 501(c)(3) is still in effect.

This classification is based on the assumption that your operations will continue as you have stated. If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status.

This supersedes our letter dated April 20, 1990.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as an organization defined in section 509(a)(1) of the Code.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

  
MICHAEL J. QUINN  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR